

NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place In the Greatest State in the Union

The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Very Little Actual Labor

Hoover, Platte county, has an enthusiastic fledgling organization.

The News Herald says a lot of job-in people seem to have had their shoe shiners taken all winter.

A Hinesville man is saving himself and putting the money the laborer used to get in thrift stamps.

Last Monday T. M. Davis marketed in Linn county a half dozen hens from his brood which brought by weight \$11.25.

Two insurance agents had offices in buildings in Maryville which burned recently, and neither carried any insurance.

The Dent County Post reports a slacker whose hens are laying, but who won't sell the eggs, because if he did he would have to pay income tax.

It is being told that a pair of wrist-lets made by a Maryville girl have been returned from Camp Funston because she left an opening for a wrist watch.

An Eldorado Springs woman proudly reports to the News that her son, who went to Funston as a private, has been promoted, and now is a kitchen policeman.

A town girl who recently married a Lafayette county farmer said she guessed they wouldn't buy any smile-ers, because her husband already had a smile full of it.

A miner near Newburg is alive and doing well, though a lump of coal the size of a baseball fell 150 feet and struck him on the head Saturday. It was soft coal, of course.

The 457 boys who belong to corn clubs in the state grew 22,688 bushels of corn last year at a cost of \$5,418. The net profits to the members who reported was \$11,942.

There will be some handsome Missourians at the next training camp. Only one man will be taken from Worth county and two from Mercer county for the next draft quota.

Looks as if pretty soon the common people would ride in motor cars while only the haughty rich will drive mules. A span of mules brought \$755 in an auction sale in Butte last week.

At the public sale of Bert S. Sharp Saturday at the Pat Feeley farm, northeast of Maryville, a Black Minorca rooster sold for \$2.50 and a dozen hens of the same breed brought \$22.

Laredo was lightless several hours because a large chicken hawk alighted on a high tension wire. The bird, electrified by 11,000 volts, toppled upon other wires, causing a short circuit.

Rev. A. M. Lindsay, the prominent Christian minister at Clinton and a candidate for governor in 1916, is organizing an "anti-swearers society," which he hopes to carry to many other parts of the state.

One or two of those who registered as alien enemies at Washington last week had lived in the United States for 40 or 50 years, says the Franklin County Observer, and never applied for citizenship papers.

When Alfalfa Bill McKee urged a gathering of Ray county farmers to make the germination test for seed corn, some of them protested that they wouldn't have anything to do with German nation tests.

William D. Ely this week purchased through B. D. Daulton, the 118-acre farm one half mile south of Fairfax belonging to the H. E. White estate. The consideration in the deal was \$23,862.50, or \$202.12 an acre.

Dr. J. W. Millon has resigned the presidency of Hardin College, but the Ledger takes pleasure in announcing that he and his family will continue to live in Mexico. Most any town would view with alarm the prospect of losing several millions.

The Henderson Produce Company of Shelby has bought and shipped out almost eighty tons of rabbits this year. Jim Sarden, manager of this big business in Shelby, figures that

he has bought 61,217 rabbits at an average price of 12 cents each, and has paid out in that community a total of \$7,346.16 for bunnies.

Sidney R. Francis, youngest son of Ambassador David R. Francis, has enlisted in the aviation section. With Governor Gardner's son in the same service our governors' sons may aid materially in governing the air.

Two years ago Frank Clifton purchased a farm of 217 acres near Glenon, Miller county. He planted the farm to wheat and last year harvested the crop which brought an average of \$68 per acre, three dollars per acre more than he paid for the land.

The Record wants to make Butler the hottest town in Missouri. It advocates the chopping out of one thousand maple trees now shading Butler's streets and the planting of two thousand pecan trees.

Thomas Jay Atkinson, 51 years old, probably the oldest man in Callaway county, died at his home near Fulton last week. He had lived in the county eighty-four years. He is survived by four granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

W. H. Weightman and Roy Kahn have recently bought of Henry Fries the 160-acre farm, known as the T. W. McCoy place, four miles northeast of Monett City. The consideration was \$75,200, or \$152.50 per acre. Mr. Kahn will live on the farm and manage it—News-Jeffersonian.

Here's a reel of quick action: A Sedalia negro put a bottle of gasoline in a pocket, the cork came out, the fluid saturated his clothing, he struck a match on his trousers in the usual way, he executed a brilliant fire dance, and changed from dark brown to ashy gray while being saved.

"Uncle Coleman" Petty of Corder's drawing near his goal of high achievement. For a long time "Uncle Coleman" has longed to live to be more than 100 years old and February 17 he celebrated his ninety-ninth birthday. He is quite active and talks interestingly.

The Leeton Times might almost be accused of throwing hot water on the poultry-raising campaign. It avers: "A farmer and his family near Knob Noster ate four eggs the past three months which cost them \$45.15. The eggs were worth fifteen cents and the \$45 represented the cost of the feed the chicks devoured."

and Clark Weaver, who own clothing stores; Nick Schumacher, owner of a grocery store, and W. H. Hudson, who is in the hardware business. Mr. Hudson has been in business in Maryville for fifty years, while Mr. Nussbaum started in business February 21, 1873, or forty-five years ago—Nodaway Democrat-Forum.

G. L. Voltmer disposes of his 112-acre farm adjoining Corning to Jas. B. Mavity—consideration, \$26,000. We haven't interviewed Mr. Voltmer to know what he intends to do. Mr. Mavity will now have nearly 600 acres all in one body, and he and his boys and girls will show some intense farming—Corning Mirror.

A sudden drop in corn at Forest City squeezed the profit entirely out of the hog feeding operations of Tim Fitzmaurice, according to the Holt County Sentinel. A crib on the Fitzmaurice farm, containing 4,000 bushels of corn, being built on stilts, served also as a hog shed. Last week a high wind took the crib down and crushed 25 hogs—a loss of \$1,000.

The town of West Plains and the Presbyterian church there have cabled congratulations to Lieut. Stephen Thompson, the first American aviator to bring down a Boche plane. And Howell county would like to have the rest of our admiring country observe that Howell, hillbilly and hero all have the same initial.

Fifty-two women, assisted by some husbands, made and completed ten quilts at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hall for the American Fund for French Wounded, reports the Liberty Advance. The men thought all they would have to do would be to look on, offer suggestions and enjoy themselves, but they were soon dis-

illusioned for they were put to work tying the quilts. The skilled labor was performed by the women and that that did not take any head work was left to the men.

When the Aurora Light heard a man say his family wasn't observing wheatless day because they had a large supply of flour on hand, it wondered what effect that kind of patriotism would have on his children. "You can readily imagine that Benedict Arnold received that sort of training," it concludes.

"First Methodist Furnace Repaired," read a headline in the Kirksville Express. One of the Methodist brethren called up Editor Swain to rally him about it. "My furnace has been acting very irregularly," he said, "and I'd like to have it converted. What sort is a Methodist furnace?" "Oh, just hot air," retorted Mr. Swain, pleasantly.

Only five men in Maryville have been in business longer than Mr. Miller. They are: D. R. Eversole, owner of a dry goods store; M. Nussbaum, Mrs. George Prettyman, Sr., and Mrs. Orville Lininger, mother and daughter, respectively, of Fairfax, passed away within a period of 25 hours. Mrs. Prettyman died February 11 and Mrs. Lininger died February 12.

A big damage suit is docketed for the May term of the Howard county circuit court, in which John P. Gordon, for eight years state auditor, sues the Post Dispatch of St. Louis for \$138,000. The case goes to Howard county on a change of venue.

Fifty thousand bushels of Johnson county and Henry county corn was sold in one lot to Texas buyers by a Warrensburg firm a few days ago and Carroll county has been asked for a big shipment of seed corn for Ohio. They're coming a long way for Missouri corn this year.

One Shelby firm paid \$26,674.98 for poultry and eggs during December. Poultry money is the farmer's wife's pin money, and the farmers' wives are so prosperous that a plague of 17-year sewing machine agents is to be expected—the ones who tie you up for seventeen years of time payments.

A Greenville man was much perturbed when in his henhouse he found an egg inscribed "Victory cannot be ours." He recalled that one of the hens had seemed to be trying to tell him something for several days, and was just starting out to tell all the superstitious folks in town about it when his niece confessed that she had marked the egg as a joke.

Carrollton's postmaster has started something. Rural carriers working from that office are making a farm to farm canvass for Baby Bonds, with the result that Carroll is leading all rural Missouri counties in the bond drive. Their returns are posted on a blackboard every night and the community is much interested in the race. Festus Wade has approved the plan and will recommend it elsewhere.

The Adair County Historical Society has started a move which ought to be copied in every other county. A roster of the names and military records of all Adair County men who engaged in the present war will be preserved, suitable memorials to those who die in service will be erected and advertising matter, newspaper articles and other "literature" which show the kind of war work done by the men and women at home will be preserved.

Olan Crumbacker, 9-year-old Sullivan county boy, was eager to earn a quarter to buy a thrift stamp. An older brother offered him one if he would undress and roll in the snow while the temperature was 15 degrees below zero. Olan stepped right out in the yard and earned the money, and Sullivan county papers are boasting of his patriotism. Something really should be done for Olan—also for his brother.

That the dikes and levees along the Mississippi river will present a vulnerable spot to the enemy in the next few months, when the flood danger is greatest, is the warning conveyed to Secretary of War Baker by the governors of Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. A petition asking that preparatory steps be taken toward furnishing a military guard at the most vital places was forwarded to Washington by Governor Gardner. The other signatures are those of Gov. Charles H. Brough of Arkansas, Gov. R. G. Pleasant of Louisiana and Gov. Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi.

"Once a Missourian, always a Missourian," asserts Ajax Fleming's magazine, and then points out that besides Fehring, Crowder, Stettinius, Creel and Francis, these others are reflecting honor on Missouri:

Thackeray, a Missourian, as consul general in Paris is holding the fort and saving for our boys. In London, Walter Hines Page, ambassador, born in North Carolina, graduated at John Hopkins, came to Missouri as a board-

less boy in the early eighties, and completed his education as a reporter and editor of the St. Joseph Gazette. Page told me in New York in 1904, "Much as I owe Hopkins and other schools, I owe Missouri and St. Joseph more, for there I got the actual, the real practical things of life by mixing with and touching elbows to men who do real things in the world."

James Sturgis, sentenced to the state prison for grand larceny, escaped by jumping from the Missouri Pacific train at Washington, Mo., as he was being brought to the prison by Sheriff Lovelace of Wayne county. Sturgis was handcuffed to another prisoner. He unlocked the handcuff with a hairpin and jumped through the window while the train was standing still. Sturgis is registered under the draft law at Rochester, N. Y.

William Haney, the well known St. Joseph horseman, purchased yesterday from Geo. B. Baker the promising and highly bred young trotting mare, Lady Dainty, to add to his stable. Lady Dainty is by Peter the Great and carries the blue blood of Joseph Patchen Wilkes, by Patchen Wilkes, sire of Joe Patchen, sire of Dan Patch, world champion. Peter the Great is the greatest sire, living or dead, and was sold last year at Cincinnati for \$50,000—Nodaway Democrat-Forum.

\$50 Reward
For the party that started the lie that I was not loyal to our government, saying that he heard me make the remark wishing that the Germans would sink our boats. Now I will give this party a chance to go and fight the Kaiser or have a \$50,000 alleged scandal suit on hand just as soon as I have proof who the low-down scoundrel was, and if the party has beat me out of a store bill will give him a double dose. Chas. Wehrli—Mound City Journal.

R. S. Harris had a thrilling experience Sunday night about 8 o'clock which he thinks is enough for a lifetime. Stepping out into his rear yard he was startled to hear a noise close by and upon glancing around saw a man with a gun leveled at him. Bob says that he heard the hammer click and saw a flash which caused him to fall to the ground. Upon looking up he discovered that his assailant had fled and immediately followed suit. An investigation later showed Bob's tracks and that of the stranger less than 10 feet apart. Mr. Harris is at a loss to understand why anyone should attempt to take his life—Centralia Courier.

One of the largest farm sales ever held in Holt county was that of James

Collins last Thursday, which amounted to over \$20,000. There was a big crowd present, and competition was keen, especially on the purchase of mules. The 25 head of mules brought a total of \$2,481. The top was a team of mules, bought by Chas. Whitlow of Tarkio for \$762.50. Lee Cotton of Forest City paid \$675 for a team of coming three year old mules, and Christian & Son paid \$685 for one team of mules and \$668 for another. The seven months old Jack was bought by Hugh Cottler for \$505. Other property brought correspondingly high prices.

Rock Island freight running locally between Trenton and Kansas City, in charge of John Molan, made a record Saturday between Winston and Cameron, which in the opinion of our oldest railroad men has never been equalled. The record is not one to be proud of either by the trainmen or the company. Between Winston and Cameron the train broke 147 rails, 112 of them being between Cameron and Mabel. Upon the arrival of the train here it was held up, and a thorough inspection made of the train to ascertain whether a flat wheel or some other part of the train was responsible for the breaking of the rails, but not a thing could be found to cause the destruction of the rails, and the train was ordered to proceed—Cameron News.

MUCH CHANGING IN ANDREW
There will be an unusual amount of changing around among the farmers of Andrew county March 1. Many who have been renting land for farming purposes have purchased farms and will move on to their own places on that date. The usual changes made by renters will also take place then, but there are not so many of these this year, perhaps, as usual. More land will be farmed, however, and large crops of all kinds will be put in and a good season will mean the largest crops ever gathered in the county—Savannah Democrat.

There seems to be a conspiracy among the other varieties of weather prophets against the groundhog. They are all saying now that they knew even before the ground hog came out of his hole that "there would be six weeks more of winter."

No ill-natured paragrapher has dared to refer to any of the various factions in Russia as "doing a rushin' business."

The Kaiser never lets an occasion go by to pass a vote of confidence in himself.

FACE the FACTS

LET us face the facts. The war situation is critical. Unless the Allies fight as they never yet have fought, defeat threatens. Hungry men cannot fight at their best; nor hungry nations. France, England, and Italy are going hungry unless we feed them.

Wheat Savings—They must have wheat. It is the best food to fight on. It is the easiest to ship. We alone can spare it to them. By saving just a little—less than a quarter of what we ate last year—we can support those who are fighting our battles. And we can do it without stinting ourselves. We have only to substitute another food just as good.

The Corn of Plenty—Corn is that food. There's a surplus of it. Providence has been generous in the hour of our need. It has given us corn in such bounty as was never known before. Tons of corn. Trainloads of corn. Five hundred million bushels over and above our regular needs. All we have to do is to learn to appreciate it. Was ever patriotic duty made so easy? And so clear?

America's Own Food—Corn! It is the true American food. The Indians, hardest of races, lived on it. Our forefathers adopted the diet and conquered a continent. For a great section of our country it has long been the staff of life. How well the South fought on it, history tells. Now it can help America win a world war.

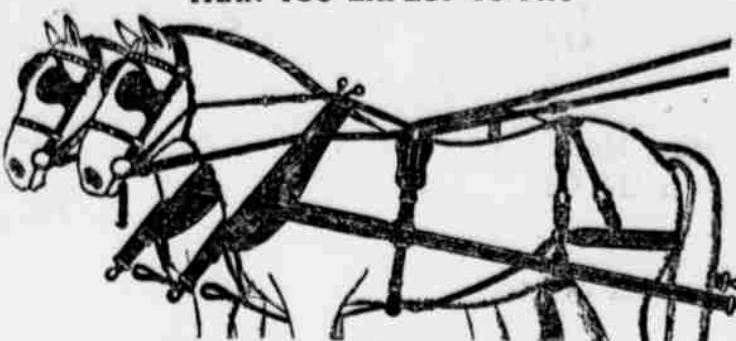
Learn Something—Corn! It isn't one food. It's a dozen. It's a cereal. It's a vegetable. It's a bread. It's a dessert. It's nutritious; more food value in it, dollar for dollar, than meat or eggs or most other vegetables. It's good to eat; how good you don't know until you've had corn-bread properly cooked. Best of all, it's plentiful and it's patriotic.

Corn's Infinite Variety—How much do you know about corn? About how good it is? About the many delicious ways of cooking it? And what you miss by not knowing more about it? Here are a few of its uses:

There are at least fifty ways to use corn meal to make good dishes for dinner, supper, lunch or breakfast. Here are some suggestions:

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| HOT BREADS | DESSERTS |
| Boston brown bread. | Corn-meal molasses cake. |
| Hoecake. | Apple corn bread. |
| Muffins. | Dumplings. |
| Biscuits. | Gingerbread. |
| Griddle cakes. | Fruit gems. |
| Waffles. | |
| HEARTY DISHES | |
| Corn-meal croquettes. | Corn-meal fish balls. |
| Meat and corn-meal dumplings. | |
| Italian polenta. | Tamales. |
| The recipes are in Farmers' Bulletin 565, "Corn Meal as a Food and Ways of Using It," free from the Department of Agriculture. | |

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HERE AND OVER THERE

The Difference That Saving of Food in America Will Accomplish.

"I don't see," said the head of the family as he sat down to an ample meal, "why we should be forever asked to economize on things we like to eat. I can afford to have white bread every day, and there is no reason why I shouldn't have."

"And these meatless menus," said his wife, "make me tired. I have economized long enough. Let the people in Europe economize, I say."

"Go without candy?" said daughter. "I adore candy. I don't believe it will make any difference if I eat it as usual."

And the same day in France the head of a family died from a disease that he was too undernourished to resist, and a mother served her family a thin soup which was all she could get for the principal meal, and a little girl went hungry to bed because there was little food in the town.

THE UNHAPPY ONE

Was the Son-in-Law Who Was Keeping Up the Insurance.

"May I ask what is going on in the village?" inquired the stranger.

"We're celebrating the birthday of the oldest inhabitant, sir," replied the native. "She's 101 today."

"And tell me, pray, why does the little man by the old lady's side wear such a dreadfully sad countenance on such an auspicious occasion?"

"That little man, sir, is the old lady's son-in-law. He's been keeping up her life insurance for the last 30 years."

JOHN BRUCE ON TAX FORM 1040-A
(Income tax form 1040-A is for incomes between \$800 and \$2,000.) In the Federal Tepee they've opened a stand

Where they peddle the income tax blanks. And though these are given out free, on demand.

No recipient yet has said "Thanks." The public just grabs 'em as if they're red hot.

And peevishly scuttles away. Except for the happy, impoverished lot.

Who ask for "Form 1040-A" "Form 1040-A"—what a story you tell Of the salary messenger and tough; Of the battles engaged with the H. C. of L.

And the coal bin that n'er holds enough! You're a white badge of courage; a service flag, too—

Three thousand a year is no pay For the way that they rap us for things that we chew.

'Tis the brave who get "1040-A!" How sweet a revenge now is reaped by the poor.

As they ask for their blanks at the desk, And the rich guy gets his and then reels through the door.

With an agonized shudder grotesque. And we fortunate fellows of moderate means Can whistle thus blithely and gay, For the worst we are stung is a handful of beans.

Oh, thanks to "Form 1040-A!" It would seem that a "washless Monday" would satisfy many, but it doesn't. The same folks who would endorse a washless Monday also want a "washless" Sunday.

AN IDAHO PLAN TO SECURE FARM LABOR

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for the office man are only a small part of the many advantages of membership in such an army, and physicians endorse this feature of the army.

The individual receiving the benefit of the work done by the army will pay suitable wages to the members of the army and it is anticipated that the "worker" will prize his wage above any money he ever earned.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that each man must do his share of work to win this war. The government needs fighters and personal producers, but let us not become confused as to just what each one's share of the work shall be.

If the plan can be worked out it may surprise no one the coming summer on going out into the country to see Graham Lacy, John George Schneider, R. T. Forbes, Ed Townsend, Col. R. M. Bacheller, John Albus and other St. Joseph business men in the fields "doing their bit" under the Idaho plan.

We Must Show Them
Apparently the Germans will be much more impressed with what we have to say after we have proved to them that we can fight—Kansas City Post.

The batteries of Berlin papers were ordered the first of the week to open up on the Russian situation. Even those which have been generally reserved for firing on President Wilson were brought into action.

DISCOURAGED BY DRINK HABIT

Drink habit is a discouraging habit both to the drinker and to the drinker's family. Drinking men promise themselves and their families they will stop drinking, but always fail to do so, because the craving for drink is stronger than the will-power to resist. If you are discouraged by repeated failures to stop drinking, investigate the Neal Drink Habit Treatment, which is a safe, harmless vegetable remedy that removes the craving and necessity for drink in three days—without the use of hypodermic injections. Call, write or phone for full particulars. Get our proofs that the Neal Treatment will make you a sober man. The Neal Institute, 302 North 8th Street, St. Joseph, Mo. Phone Main 5085 for free book.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration, upon the estate of Wm. Deeken, Sr., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 15th day of February, 1918.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

A true copy. Attest:
WILLIAM DEEKEN, JR.,
(Seal) Administrator.
Chas. A. Redfearn, Clerk of Probate.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary, upon the estate of Robt. W. Lewis, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 15th day of February, 1918.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.